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Two approaches to the formation of ruthenium(II) complexes containing ligands with conjugated 2,2":6",2"-terpyridine (tpy), alkynyl and bithienyl units have been investigated. Bromination of 4'-(2' 2',bithien-5'-yl)-2,2':6',2"-terpyridine leads to 4'-(5-bromo-2,2'-bithien-5'-yl)-2,2':6',2"-terpyridine (1), the single crystal structure of which has been determined. The complexes [Ru(1)(2)][PF₆](2) and [Ru(tpy)(1)][PF₆](2) have been prepared and characterized. Sonogashira coupling of the bromo-substituent with (TIPS)C CH did not prove to be an efficient method of preparing the corresponding complexes with pendant alkynyl units. The reaction of 4'-ethynyl-2,2":6",2"-terpyridine with 5-bromo-2,2'-bithiophene under Sonoashira conditions yielded ligand 2, and the heteroleptic ruthenium(II) complex [Ru(2)9 (tpy)][PF₆](2) has been prepared and characterized.

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